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## LAPD Officer Arraigned in Internet Drug Bust Case

An LAPD officer pleaded not guilty this morning to charges that he offered to furnish controlled substances to another undercover LAPD detective on a classified ad website, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Randolph Agard (dob 2/16/74) surrendered this morning and was arraigned in case BA426262. The felony complaint for arrest warrant was filed June 20 charging Agard with one count of sale or transportation for sale of a controlled substance and one count of possession for sale of a controlled substance. Both counts involve hydrocodone.

Deputy District Attorney Renee Chang with the Justice System Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

In April, Los Angeles Police Department's Northeast Narcotic Enforcement Detail conducted an undercover operation by placing an ad on a classified ad website seeking drugs. Agard allegedly responded the same day and agreed to a meeting.

On April 23, Agard arrived at a prearranged meeting place and was arrested by LAPD narcotics officers who allegedly recovered 20 hydrocodone pills in his jacket pocket.

If convicted, Agard is facing up to five years in state prison.

He returns to court July 17 to set a date for his preliminary hearing at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Department 50. He was released on his own recognizance.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.